mation of the malnad population. It is requested therefore that the prayer may not be granted.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 177.

Penalty on dead date trees.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Doddapayanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A penalty of one rupee on every dead date tree is being levied from the toddy contractors. Usually out of every 100 trees, 10 to 15 die without being tapped, and it is no wonder that many more trees should die after they are tapped. Consequently the levy of penalty in addition to tree tax is really harassing to the contractor. It is therefore prayed that the recovery of penalty on dead trees may be done away with.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Excise revenue of inam villages.

Messrs. Madappa, Mysore taluk, and Gundappa, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The excise revenue from date trees in inam villages has not been paid to inamdars since 1897. Though many petitions have been presented nothing has been done on the ground that Rule 13 is to be amended, while coercive processes are adopted for the recovery of any dues from such inamdars. It is therefore prayed that Rule 13 be amended early to give relief to inamdars.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

RAILWAYS.

(Nos. 179 to 191.)

SUBJECT No. 179.

Motor service between Tarikere and Koppa.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao and A. Guru Rao, Kadur District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Railway from Benkipur or Shimoga to Koppa.

Messrs. Krishnappa and Channakesava Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Koppa is situated at a distance of 55 miles from the Tarikere railway station. There is no easy communication from Koppa to any railway station. A railway line may be opened from Benkipur or Shimoga to Koppa or if this is too costly, a tramway may be constructed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Railway from Nanjangud to Gundlupet.

Mr. Volahatti Devappa, Gundlupet taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Passengers as well as goods traffic has been increasing rapidly between Gundlupet and Mysore and merchants who carry on trade from Nilgiri, Batheri, Wynaad and Coorg find it extremely hard to go as far as Nanjangud. The hardships the public are put to may be removed by the construction of a railway between Nanjangud and Gundlupet which is sure to yield a large revenue to the State.

Reply of Government.—Noted.